



MINUTES

OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting February 12, 2026

MEMBERS

Scott Shear, Region 1, Squads 1 & 3
Dean Jackman, Region 2, Squads 2 & 6
Steven Zahn, Vice Chairman & Secretary, Region 3, Squads 4 & 5
Christy Sabolsky, Region 4, Squad 22
Amber Olbon, Region 5, Squads 7 & 8
Brady Land, Chairman, Rescue Chief's Choice
Deputy Director Mike Carroll (at Large)
Zac Smith, Rescue Chief's Choice

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeesc.com]. In addition, it was made available [upon request] to the newspapers, radio stations, and concerned citizens.

1. Call to order: The Oconee County Rescue Squad Advisory Commission was called to order by Chairman Land at 1800 hours in the Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla. Commissioners Scott Shear, Dean Jackman, Steven Zahn, Amber Olbon, Christy Sabolsky (by phone), Brady Land, Zac Smith & Deputy Director Mike Carroll were present.

2. First order of business is to elect a Secretary. Commissioner Zahn was nominated by Chairman Land & seconded by Commissioner Sabolsky. A unanimous vote electing Commissioner Zahn as Secretary took place.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from January 29, 2026. Motion to approve by Commissioner Zahn and seconded by Commissioner Jackman with a correction on the second page, first line, change Rescue 4 to Rescue 6. This correction was accepted.

Minutes from the special meeting of February 5, 2026. Motion to approve by Commissioner Zahn and seconded by Commissioner Olbon. Approved by the Commissioners.

4. Public Comment: None noted.

5. Committee Reports:

Radio Committee: Commissioner Smith reported that the next meeting is tomorrow morning at the EOC. He suggests we work together to decide what we would like to see

collectively so we work toward common goals. Then the commissions can decide on goals during the first quarter. Approved by the members.

Incentive Committee: Commissioner Shear reported that the Incentive Committee from the Fire Commission wanted have a joint meeting with our committee. To be arranged.

SOG Committee: An invitation to all Chiefs to send 1 member from each squad to serve on this committee will go out.

Training Committee: Deputy Carroll made a comment but it was not understood.

6. Deputy Director Carroll's Report:

Run Reports: Data available next meeting.

NMX Software: Working on some problems & use on iPads.

Training: Daytime EMT refresher end of the month followed by nighttime one. EVDT the 3/2 & 3/17th. Fire Academy putting out a # of on-line classes. HazMat, etc. 4/17-19/2026 Hi Angle class for Special Rescue. Safety Officer class on Blackboard coming up. IS 100 & 200 required. 300 & 400 being offered on 5/19, 5/20, 5/26 & 5/27. IS-100, 200, 700 & 800 required.

Commissioner Z. Smith reported that 300 & 400 will be offered on-line in the future. Leadership & Supervision class in June. IS 100 & 200 required. VFIS class in the works for April. Working on getting the EMTs re-certified that need it. Commissioner Olbon requested that the Training emails be sent to commission reps for distribution to their squads. EMT/ERM CEP coming up on Feb. 24th & 25th.

Vehicles: Salem truck at Motor Pool for issues. Oakway truck at Diamond T for lettering. No firm date for delivery. R-1 Tahoe the same setup.

Commissioner Zahn asked if the county is moving from Responder to Active? Squads can subscribe through county when they expire. A discussion took place.

Director Krein's last day is the 19th. Interim Director will be Scott Smith.

7. Rescue Squad Updates:

Region 1-Squads 1 & 3: Volume too low. Could not hear.

Region 2-Squads 2 & 6: Nothing to report.

Region 3-Squads 4 & 5: R-5 had 4 prospective members apply, one being a paramedic. R-4 working on training & covering calls.

Region 4-Squad 22: Have members interested on serving on committees.

Region 5-Squads 7 & 8: No squad meeting since last Commission meeting.

Rescue Squad Chief's Commissioners are Brady Land & Zac Smith. The Chiefs approved their Bylaws. Copies are available. Tom Sabolsky is the Chief & Kayla is the Vice Chair. Commissioner Smith reported that he is backed up producing the IDs but they will be available soon.

A motion was made to adjourn by Commoner Zahn & seconded by Commissioner Olbon with a vote to adjourn which followed.